

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An instrument for providing illumination of intraocular tissue during surgery, said instrument comprising:

a hand held light source, the light source comprising:

a housing;

at least one light emitting diode (LED), a power source for driving the LED and a control switch for interconnecting the LED with said power source, wherein the LED and the power source are disposed within the housing; and

at least one needle for supporting the LED at a distal end thereof of the needle, the needle including a lumen for communicating an electrical connection between the LED and said power source, said power source being disposed at a proximal end of said needle housing.

14. (Currently Amended) The instrument according to claim 13, further comprises comprising a lens disposed at the distal end of the needle for focusing light emitted from said LED.

15. (Original) The instrument according to claim 14, wherein said lens has an hourglass shape.